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The British Columbian Stamps.

Written for the INTERNATIONAL by Omen.

The British Columbian stamps in which we include the Vancouver Island issues although comparatively rare are seldom honored by being written up, and as the writer specializes the stamps of British North America he thought to make a few remarks on this subject which might prove interesting to some readers of the INTERNATIONAL. First he thinks that these handsomely designed stamps are placed by American cataloguers at far too low a value. Especially is this true of the used specimens. It may be that because we live in Eastern Canada, we see numbers of the high priced Canadian stamps while the lower priced British Columbians are few and far between. Compare the numbers of the used 5c. and 10c. perforated British Columbian offered for sale or exchange with the 3 pence perforated, the half-penny unused or even the 6 pence Canada that are continually passing around. It is doubtful if many, be they dealers or collectors have met with one of the former to ten of the latter. Rarely do we get an auction catalogue that has not quite a list of Canadian stamps valued from one dollar upwards but do we not often find the name of British Columbia does not appear at all in these very catalogues? The only conclusion that can be come to is that these stamps are much rarer than the prices in our Standard Catalogues would indicate.

There is a point about British Columbian stamps that is unknown to many, some dealers not being aware of the existence of the variety and others ignorant of its true value.

One hardly expects that a general collector would know all the different varieties of paper, watermark and perforation of the stamps of each country that he collects, but why do many specialists of British North America issues not know the varieties of perforation of the British Columbian surcharges? In the catalogue for advanced collectors by Collin and Calman these varieties are given as 14 and 12 1-2, the former being the regular perforation and the latter the variety. In all other catalogues that the writer has seen the regular perforation where mentioned at all is given as 14. The writer has used the Scott Stamp and Coin Co.'s gauge in measuring some twenty British Columbia surcharges that are now in his possession and many others that have at various times passed through his hands, but has never found one stamp that showed 14 perforations by the gauge. The 12 1-2 variety were exactly as stated, but all the rest measured 13 1-2 only. On an approval sheet now before him, sent by a prominent Canadian dealer, is an unused $1.00 marked "perf. 14" but the gauge shows 13 1-2 whether applied to bottom, top or sides. On the same sheet is a 3 pence Canada also marked "perf. 14" and in this case gauges nicely to that number. The stamps before mentioned as having tested at 13 1-2 were not what had been received in one lot but were received at various times extending over years and from as widely separated points as London, Eng., San Francisco, where by the way many good British Columbians are picked up, New York and other stamp centres and all in small lots or singly. As to the value of the stamps perforated 12 1-2 a safe estimate would be three times the listed prices of the 14 perforation excepting the 10 cent and $1.00 values which are worth about the same for either variety or about fifteen dollars each.

One great comfort to all collectors of British Columbian stamps is the absence of any good or even fair counterfeits, all that do exist being poorly printed and on unwater-marked paper. Anyone who has ever seen a genuine copy is hardly likely to be deceived by these counterfeits.

The De Coppet Sale.

The J W. Scott Company, Limited, have issued its auction catalogue of the De Coppet collection of postage stamps.

It forms a most formidable looking volume, consisting as it does of 200 pages. M. de Coppet was a specialist as he only appears to have collected the Western Hemisphere and he seems to have made a thorough study of the stamps of its varied countries, for whatever you refer to will be found to be about complete in general issues and at the same time to include in most instances any and all other varieties, watermarks, papers, shades and errors, unique or otherwise that are known. The sale is divided into 2804 lots and takes place at New York City, April 3rd, 4th, 5th, 13th, 14th, 24th, 25th, and 26th.

The catalogue (illustrated with cuts of many of the stamps), is most interesting, and it could not very well be otherwise in the very able hands of Mr. J. W. Scott, who has, descriptive of condition, etc., enlarged upon the merits of some of the desirable stamps.

For an instance we quote "British Guiana, 1850 issue 2 cents circular on rose paper, cut round but neatly mounted on a piece of the same colored paper, cut square, used: and, in our opinion this is the rarest stamp of any regular government issue in existence, there being only six specimens known and only three in hands of private collectors. The three specimens of the Tapling collection being now in the British Museum. The fourth specimen is owned in France and the fifth in England. * * * It was originally in the Caillebotte collection purchased by Pemberton, Wilson & Co., sold by them immediately to the present owner. It is unquestionably the gem of the collection and will be the gem of any collection which may boast of containing it in the future. Reserve $600.00."

Abounding as it does in information such as this, makes the catalogue of value as a future reference, we would recommend our readers to secure one of the "edition de lux" with marked prices of the result of the sale, believing that it will be found to be a veritable vade mecum. A wise precaution we think has been taken of placing a reserve price on some of the choice varieties, which, being well worth the amount of the issues would be a misfortune to M. de Coppet should they realize less, having cost him large sums in obtaining same.

In Bolivia, the lots offered are mentioned as comprising a portion of his exhibit at the exhibition in London, 1890, for which M. de Coppet was awarded a silver medal, a number of whole reconstructed sheets are among them, the same with 1862 issue of British Guiana. Of this latter country in first issues, some otherwise practically unobtainable stamps are noticeable, U. S. of Columbia consists alone of 332 lots inclusive of registration, labels, etc.

A very fine collection of British North America is offered, among which we would mention the 12 pence and several 6 pence perforated Canada. Unperforated 2 1-2 pence pink, first issue British Columbia, and a number shillings (among which are split provisionals) New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, also fine copies of the vermilion and orange first issue Newfoundland.

Want of space forbids us from further reference at present, but we trust to be able to give to our readers in due course the result of the sale, which we venture to say will as a total exceed that of any heretofore held.

We learn that buyers will be present from Great Britain and that several of our Toronto philatelists will also make it convenient to be present.

It took $11,201 worth of ink to cancel the U. S. postage stamps of 1883.

A Canada 1868, 1c. laid paper recently sold at auction in England for $8.25. Scott prices this stamp at $15.00.

Uniform Imperial Postage.

A very interesting and exhaustive paper has recently been circulated under the auspices of The Imperial Federation League, written by Mr. Robert J. Beadon.

The proposition is laid down that "cheapness and other facilities of postal communication within the Empire are vastly important on political, material and social grounds." He claims that this would be conducive to more frequent and closer correspondence among business people and others than at present. What is wanted he urges is a cheap and uniform postage throughout the Empire and that the principal applied by Rowland Hill, to the United Kingdom (penny postage) in the past, should now be extended to the whole empire.

It is not our intention to further remark upon the very able proposal of Mr. Beadon, other than to say that if a feasible thing the scheme should be taken hold of at once and effectually dealt with.

We know that great changes take time in accomplishing and in the present proposal considerable lapse would occur, for so many self governing colonies in their own postal laws would have to be treated with, still if the initiative be taken by the mother country, the good resulting will be soon felt and the scheme adopted by all. Mr. Beadon then suggests a uniform British stamp to be issued for international correspondence.

We give our readers several cuts suggestive of what form the stamp might assume.

U. S. Notes.

By Nox.

The A. P. A. World's Fair Committee are getting down to business.

The novelty of the new Columbian stamp is wearing off and many business firms are again using the old issue.

I understand that the special delivery stamps printed in orange are in circulation but as yet I have not yet seen them.

New York is to have a society called The N. Y. State Timbrologists. Sounds rather foreign does it not? This will probably renew the argument as to whether we shall be called Philatelists or Timbrologists.

Although it is not yet generally known Altoona, Pa., will soon have a philatelic magazine called the Philatelic Gazette. This paper will be backed by a stock company and edited by some of the most able writers in the country. They say that Stetler will be business manager.

Are You a Member.

The American Philatelic Association is composed of stamp collectors in all parts of the world. One of its departments is for the exchange of stamps; another, for the purchase of new issues at a fraction over their face value; another, for detecting counterfeits; while its foreign exchange and library are privileges open to all members. The Association publishes a monthly magazine, the American Philatelist, which is sent to all members. The cost of membership is $2.50 for the first year, this including one dollar for a share of stock, a reduced fac simile of the certificate being shown above. After the first year the cost is only $1.50 a year. The Association has now over five hundred members. It is the largest society of stamp collectors in America, and one of the largest in the world. All collectors are invited to join. Application blanks will be furnished by the publishers of this paper.

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Editorial Notes.

Since publishing our last number, quite a change has been made in the editorial staff and management of this paper; Messrs. W. S. Weatherston and E. J. Phillips retiring, and George A. Lowe assuming full control as editor and manager. With the experience of the present editor, who, for over two years was publisher and editor of the Toronto Philatelic Journal, and with the aid of the strong band of contributors, who have patronized this paper during the past few months, it is safe to predict that the above change will in no way effect the high standing of the INTERNATIONAL.

Just as we go to press we receive copies of the new Canadian issue of stamps and cards. The stamps are of the values of 20 cts. and 50 cts., the color of the former scarlet, and that of the latter dark blue. They are very similiar in design to their corresponding values of third issue Canadian Bill Stamps, in fact the 50c. is almost identical, both in color and design, the only difference between them being the ornaments in the upper corners, and the one reading "Canada Postage," while the other reads "Canada Bill Stamp." We think it a great mistake on the part of the Government, in issuing the 50c. stamp in this color, as parties holding remainders of this denomination of bill stamp will be able to use them as postage, with very little chance of detection. We predict that it will not be long before some enterprising dealer will be offering "Canada revenues, used as postage." The post card is similar in design to the old one, but the color is changed to black. The size is much larger than the old one, being about the same as the United States card. A three cent letter card has also been issued; color, red on light blue. We are of the opinion that this card will be used very little, owing to the high rate of the same.

A most important matter was brought before the last meeting of the Toronto Philatelic Club, when a committee was appointed to correspond with all other Canadian Philatelic Societies, asking them to join in drawing up a resolution to petition the Dominion Government to abolish the duty of 30 per cent., now existing on all postage stamps broughr into this counry. If the club is successful in this direction they will be conferring an everlasting boon upon Philately, not only in this country, but also upon dealers and collectors in all parts of the world.

As stated in our last issue, we had intended, as a supplement this month, to give a portrait of Mr. A. R. Rogers, of New York; but, as no word has been received from that gentleman, we are obliged to go to press without it. We hope that Mr. Rogers has not found the color of his new publication contagious, and that he is not suffering with that morbid derangement called the "blues."

Puzzle for the Post Office.

I mailed a Postal Card to-day and forgot to address it. I'm absent minded, so am I. Yesterday I mailed a Columbian stamp without putting the letter on it.

THE NEW COLUMBIAN ISSUE.

"Where yer been, Chimmy?"

"A bloke sent me ter buy a dozen postage stamps."—Life.

Exchange Notes.

I am breaking up a large collection of Canadian and Mexican. etc., revenues, and exchanging for foreign postage. James Jay, La Hoyt, Iowa.

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The smallest stamps issued are the unpaid letter stamps of Guadeloupe.

Notes.

A New Brunswick Connel brought $39.00 at a recent sale in London, Eng.

There were eight hundred and twenty copies, of the 12 pence Canada issued.

The London Chronicle says the British Government has practically decided to adopt penny postage throughout the empire.

A new departure in philatelic journalism is a humorous philatelic magazine to be called Philatelic Puck. It will appear from San Antonio, Texas, sometime during March

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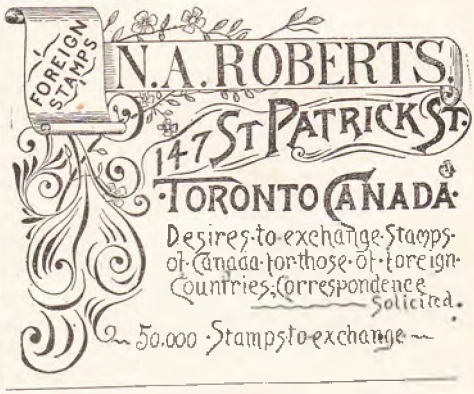
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